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SMMC Item 15
September 24, 2007

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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

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September 14, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, California 90265

**Proposition 84 Grant Application
Acquisition of APN 4434-009-015 Garapito Canyon, Topanga**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) respectfully submits the enclosed application for grant funding for the acquisition of an approximately 38-acre parcel in the Topanga Canyon watershed. The MRCA has the property under contract and Los Angeles County has agreed to fund approximately 80 percent of the acquisition.

The MRCA request is for \$175,000 to be used for the acquisition, direct costs and a minimal amount of staff time. The property is a high priority NPS fee acquisition parcel and it abuts NPS property. The MRCA would own and maintain the property unless either State Parks or the NPS would like to assume ownership. The parcel also abuts Topanga State Park.

Supplemental application materials are attached that provide more detail.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Paul Edelman, at 310-589-3230, extension 128.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael D. Berger'.

Michael D. Berger
Chairperson

Attachments: Application

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Garapito Canyon, Topanga Acquisition		Amount of Request: \$ 175,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 975,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority			
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		Project Address: N/A	
		County	Senate District
		Los Angeles	various
Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Assembly District various	
Email: edelman@smmc.ca.gov			
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Paul Edelman, Chief of Natural Resources and Planning		310-589-3230, x128	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): The acquisition of a 38-acre parcel (APN 4434-009-015) in the Garapito Canyon tributary of Topanga Canyon. The acquisition would directly preserve and protect land, water and other natural resources in a watershed of Santa Monica Bay. Los Angeles County will fund the remainder of the acquisition cost.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 84			
Narrative/Project Description:			
<p>The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's (MRCA) requested \$175,000 land acquisition grant would fund the direct acquisition and protection of land, water and other natural resources and associated acquisition and administrative costs for an eligible project located in the a coastal watershed of the Santa Monica Bay.</p> <p>The project is to acquire a 38-acre parcel (APN 4434-009-015) in the Garapito Canyon tributary of Topanga Canyon. The acquisition would directly preserve and protect land, water and other natural resources in a watershed of Santa Monica Bay. Los Angeles County will fund the remainder of the acquisition cost. The project abuts property owned by the National Park Service and Topanga State Park. It includes substantial riparian habitat along a blueline stream and a trail that connects to dirt Mulholland Drive. Public trail access is through Paradise Lane or dirt Mulholland. It is an NPS fee acquisition property on the <i>Land Protection Plan</i>.</p> <p>The MRCA requests that the term of agreement begin September 24, 2007 and end no earlier than December 30, 2007.</p>			

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Tasks / Milestones:

- 1 Complete Acquisition of subject property

Budget:

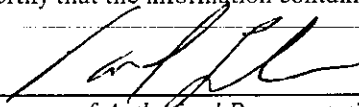
\$175,000

Completion Date

December 30, 2007

Acquisition Projects: **APN(s):** 4434-009-015**Acreage:** Approximately 38 acres

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.



Signature of Authorized Representative

9-18-07

Date

Interim Form SMM-001

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